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I'm proud of:

- standing up for the Taxpayer Protection Act and voting against the suspension of Initiative 960;
- a proposal to prevent bail for the most dangerous offenders;
- voting for fully-funding education on multiple occasions; and
- obtaining funding for intersection improvements on:
 - Highway 204 and Highway 9
 - 132nd at Archbishop Murphy High School

I'm disappointed:

- The majority party voted to increase your taxes during one of the worst recessions in a generation;
- proposals to create jobs were largely ignored by the majority; and
- the majority party could not agree on budget proposals during the regular session and had to go into special session, costing taxpayers \$18,000 each day.

I look forward to hearing from you this summer and fall.

It's an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

Mike Hope
44th District Representative



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MIKE HOPE PROMOTES JOB GROWTH AND ECONOMIC STABILITY

This year, I sponsored and supported several proposals to help employers retain and create new jobs in Washington. These proposals, which were ignored by the majority, would have:

- reduced taxes for businesses that provide living-wage jobs;
- given incentives to employers to offer health insurance for their employees;
- reduced taxes for small businesses to generate consumer buying; and
- privatized workers' compensation insurance to encourage a cost effective system that provides more dollars directly to injured workers.



MIKE HOPE FIGHTS FOR ENHANCED PUBLIC SAFETY

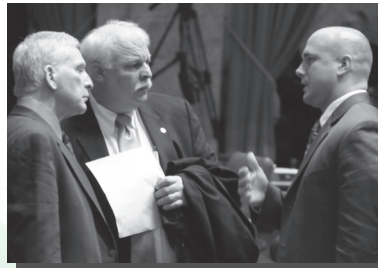
After the brutal murders of four police officers in Lakewood, I sponsored **The Lakewood Police Officers Memorial Act** to amend the Constitution's provision for bail. Judges could deny bail to suspects who:

- are facing a possible life sentence;
- have a tendency for violence; and
- are deemed a danger to society.

Because this is a state constitutional amendment, you will have the opportunity to vote on this measure in November.

There were additional wins for public safety this year:

- holding family members accountable for aiding suspects in serious violent crimes;
- increasing penalties for repeat domestic violence offenders; and
- improving our interstate compact agreements.



Talking with my friends on the other side of the aisle, Reps. Al O'Brien (far left) and Mark Ericks.

MIKE HOPE STANDS UP FOR EDUCATION IMPROVEMENTS

I voted for a measure to hold the state responsible for fully funding education, rather than leaving the tab with local levies. The legislation:

- establishes a new school **funding model** to simplify the budgeting process and increase transparency;
- requires a phase-in of **smaller classes** in kindergarten through 3rd grade by the 2015-16 school year; and
- implements a new student **transportation** funding method.

I also voted in favor of a bill to allow Washington to compete for federal "Race to the Top" funding.

